THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TWENTIETH SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA.

Saturday, the 21st April 1962.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I. WELCOME TO MEMBERS.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Hon. Members, it is my very first and most pleasant duty to welcome you all to this first meeting. I extend a very hearty welcome to the five re-elected, fourteen newly elected, one re-nominated and two newly nominated Members and congratulate them.

I wish to impress on the new Members that this House has established very great traditions and conventions for fellowship, mutual regard, dignity and decorum. Members of this august House have always maintained a high standard in debates and discussions. I have no doubt that I will continue to receive in abundant measure your help and co-operation in the maintenance of the prestige and dignity of the House.

Next I wish to offer on my own behalf and on behalf of the Members of this House hearty felicitations to the Hon. the Chief Minister, whom I am very glad to see here today, and all the other Hon. Ministers. It is a matter for great satisfaction and pride that two of our former Members, Srimathi Jothi Vencatachellum and Sri N. Nallasenapathi Sarkarai Manradiar, have become Ministers, and on your behalf, I congratulate them and with them all success (Cheers.)

II. SWEARING-IN OF NEW MEMBERS.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The business before the House is the administration of oath or affirmation to the new Members as required under Article 188 of the Constitution of India. In accordance with the practice followed in the Legislature, the Secretary will call upon the ex-Minister and the ex-Deputy Chairman and then the other hon. Members in the alphabetical order. I request hon. Members to advance to the dais, make and subscribe the oath or affirmation, sign in the register and then resume their seats.